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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: 5973  
AND INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING METHOD IN THE )  
IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )

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NON-TRANSLATED DOCUMENT		Translation <sup>a</sup>
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		Office Action, dated April 7, 2006, for Chinese Patent Application No. 200410008583.9 and English-language translation.

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